

Weekly Views

Be informed about the Indiana Department of Correction



Friday, November 14, 2008

*"This nation will remain
the land of the free only
so long as it is the home
of the brave." ~ Elmer
Davis*

Rockville Correctional Facility dedicated their second Field of Flags on Veteran's day, where 40 staff and area residents attended the ceremony, and \$500 was donated to the IN Department of Veteran's Affairs Military Family Relief Fund.

The Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting (CAPS) filmed scenarios for the IDOC's new interactive judgment based training program at Pendleton Correctional, New Castle Correctional, and Correctional Industrial Facilities.

IDOC K-9 teams successfully assisted the Benton County Sheriff's Department, along with other Law Enforcement K-9 narcotic units, by searching vehicles at the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm work site.

Daniel Meadows, a casework manager with the New Castle Correctional Facility, has been selected by the Indiana Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics to represent Indiana in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

PEN Products and Westville Correctional Facility awarded 41 offenders with U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificates. The offenders completed on-the-job training and class work by working in the PEN Products industries.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility Farm and PEN Products hosted Dr. Horstman and veterinarian students from Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine who performed pregnancy checks on 24 bred heifers and 36 bred cows.

Volunteers from Kingsway Christian Church hosted a birthday celebration for 24 students at Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility. Each student celebrated the importance of their creation and the value of their lives.

Pendleton, PREF, and Plainfield all recently held PREP (Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program) events allowing offenders and their significant others to work on skills to improve their relationship and communication.

Private Corey Nichols, a graduate of the Future Soldiers Program, recently graduated basic training and visited Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. His visit was a tremendous lift to many of the students at the facility.

Plainfield Correctional Facility held an event featuring early Christmas pictures with Santa at the Living Christ Lutheran Church in Plainfield. Nearly 50 children came to the activity, which raised \$165 for the organization and facility.

Staff and offenders at Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a Veteran's Day ceremony. The program was organized and conducted by offenders involved in the facility's American Legion program.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility held a graduation ceremony for the first Prison SMART (Stress Management and Rehabilitation Training) seminar that took place this week. The class is the only program of its kind in the world.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Employee Appreciation Committee and offender Fatherhood Initiative Program joined the WTHI TV Share your Thanksgiving Campaign and donated 12 boxes of food and over \$352 to the cause.

The Indiana Women's Prison held a mini 13.1 mile marathon where 32 offenders participated and completed it with a minimum time of 2 hours and 1 minute. The marathon allowed offenders to accomplish their personal goals.

Supervisors and Agents from Indianapolis Parole District #3 worked with law enforcement agencies and contributed 115 hours to track an extremely high-risk sex offender. The offender was apprehended on new criminal charges.

Amanda Leis from Miami Correctional Facility earned the Certified Corrections Supervisor/Security Threat Group designation from the American Correctional Association recently.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility had its final harvest out of the facility garden. With the 750 pounds of turnips harvested this week, the Landscape Management vocational class tallied a total of 16,520 pounds of produce for 2008.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner